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### **MEDIA ADVISORY: AFGHANISTAN FORWARD OPERATING BASE NAMED IN HONOR OF MARSOC MARINE**

**MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE N.C. (May 10, 2010)** Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan hosted a ceremony in Herat Province Afghanistan on Saturday 8 May to rename Camp Victory, Camp Lawton, in honor of Captain Garrett T. Lawton who died Aug. 4, 2008 from wounds he suffered while conducting combat operations in Herat Province, Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Lawton's accomplishments and the nature of his sacrifice in the line of duty made him an excellent candidate for a special operations namesake. Lawton, 31, of Beaufort, South Carolina was on his first combat tour in Afghanistan and served as the operations officer and as the headquarters joint tactical air controller for a Marine special operations company with 2d Marine Special Operations Battalion, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command.

Lawton joined the Marine Corps on June 3, 1996 and was trained as a Qualified F/A-18D Weapons Systems Operator. He was promoted to Captain on July 1, 2004, joining 2d MSOB on Feb. 2, 2007. His decorations include a Bronze Star with combat distinguishing device two Purple Hearts, seven Air Medals, two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, a Navy Unit Commendation, a Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, three Sea Service Deployment Ribbons and a NATO medal.

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